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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) is:

☒ a patent application; **claiming the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/080,383, filed 1 April 1998.**

☐ a Continuation ☐ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)

☒ A Small Entity Statement(s) was filed in the prior application; Status still proper and desired.

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Entitled: METHOD OF SUPPRESSING GENE EXPRESSION IN PLANTS

Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 33 pages of Specification (including 35 claims)
3. ☒ 3 sheets of Informal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 5 Below]
  - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
7. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*) **Filed in parent application**
8. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
9. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and 24 references cited
10. ☐ Preliminary Amendment (***Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.***)
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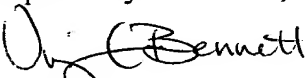
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